

TROY CITY VIEW

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Spring 2009

Greetings,

Welcome to the Troy City View. This newsletter reflects our city's ongoing efforts to communicate with our citizens in Troy and to inform you of the various aspects and ongoing events of our City. I hope you find this as a very useful tool in your planning.

As spring approaches, I urge all to visit a hidden gem in the City: The Hobart Urban Nature Preserve, off of South Dorset Road. This Miami County Park District is open year-round, dawn to dusk, to walkers, birdwatchers, and nature lovers of all ages. So, enjoy the natural beauty and visit often!

Sincerely,
Michael L. Beamish, Mayor



Artist rendering of future potential Treasure Island Marina

Treasure Island Adventures

This summer welcomes the second annual Treasure Island River Adventure Series back to the Great Miami River. If you missed out last year, come and experience one of Troy's greatest assets, our beautiful river corridor. The River Adventure Series allows participants the opportunity to reconnect with the great outdoors. Expand your fitness, education, and nature horizons while having fun on the waterfront. Why travel far away, when the adventure is in your own back yard!

Scheduled events include:

Chillin' on the Great Miami (at Troy Strawberry Festival)	June 7
Historical Canoe	June 20
Mayor's Float and Stargazing	June 25
Tri-Troyathlon	June 28
Full Moon Canoe	July 7
Nature Float	July 11
Big Blue, the Ultimate Hovercraft	July 14
Clean Sweep of the Great Miami	July 17
Family River Bike Ride	July 18
Kids Triathlon	July 19
Other events are in the planning stages	



For more information visit www.troyohio.gov.

City Income Tax Filing Deadline

The Troy Income Tax Department would like to remind all residents 18 years of age and older that filing a Troy Tax Return is required whether or not a tax is due. The tax return must be turned in by midnight on Wednesday, April 15, 2009. Only properly qualified residents who have filed a Certification Form may be exempt from the City's mandatory filing requirement. Any return filed after midnight on April 15 will be considered late and may incur a \$25 or \$50 late fee plus penalties and interest.

Need help filling out the tax form? City staff is available to assist you. Office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. In addition to normal business hours, the Office will have extended business hours during April. The extended hours will be posted on our web site at www.troyohio.gov.

Please file early. Those waiting until the last week to file their returns should expect long lines. Although there are two staff members available to walk-ins, many taxpayers bring multiple returns for staff to complete or have complicated tax problems during the final week. Before filing, make sure your current address is listed, the return is signed (both parties must sign on a joint return), and all supporting documents are enclosed.

Please visit Troy's website at www.troyohio.gov or call the Income Tax Department at (937) 339-3861 for additional assistance.

2009 City Council Spring Meeting Dates & City Calendar

Troy City Council meets on the first and third Mondays of every month, unless a Monday holiday requires rescheduling the meeting to Tuesday. All meetings are held at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 100 South Market Street. The agenda for each meeting is posted on the City's website, www.troyohio.gov/meetingnotices/agenda.html, as well as in City Hall. The public is encouraged to attend these meetings with their input. Full packets are provided in a notebook for public viewing outside the council chambers. The following schedule is provided as a handy reminder of the City Council meetings (highlighted) and other important City events planned for this spring:

MARCH 2009

2	Council	7 p.m.
3	Board of Park Commissioners	11 a.m.
11	Planning Commission	3:30 p.m.
16	Council	7 p.m.
19	Recreation Board (Hobart Arena)	9 a.m.
25	Planning Commission	3:30 p.m.

APRIL 2009

6	Council	7 p.m.
7	Joint Recreation & Park Board Meeting	11 a.m.
8	Planning Commission	3:30 p.m.
15	City Income Tax Filing Deadline	
16	Recreation Board (Hobart Arena)	9 a.m.
20	Council	7 p.m.
22	Planning Commission	3:30 p.m.

MAY 2009

4	Council	7 p.m.
5	Board of Park Commissioners	11 a.m.
13	Planning Commission	3:30 p.m.
18	Council	7 p.m.
21	Recreation Board (Hobart Arena)	9 a.m.
25	Memorial Day Holiday - City Offices Closed (Refuse Collection Delay)	
27	Planning Commission	3:30 p.m.

JUNE 2009

1	Council	7 p.m.
2	Board of Park Commissioners	11 a.m.
5-7	Strawberry Festival - Bed Races, Parade, Levee Activities	
10	Planning Commission	3:30 p.m.
15	Council	7 p.m.
18	Recreation Board (Hobart Arena)	9 a.m.
24	Planning Commission	3:30 p.m.

NOTE: All meetings are held at Troy City Hall, 100 South Market Street unless otherwise designated in parenthesis.

Your Tax Dollars at Work

STATE ROUTE 41/WASHINGTON ROAD

INTERSECTION: The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) will begin work on the realignment of the intersection at Washington Road and State Route 41 (W. Main St.). The project will include a new traffic signal. This project is funded by ODOT and will begin construction in April with a completion date in October 2009.



Parking Regulation

Troy Parking Ordinance 351.03 has been changed. It is now illegal for a vehicle or portion of a vehicle to stick out into the travel lane of a designated city street. This situation is typically found in the downtown area, where angular parking is designated. Those found in violation of this ordinance may be issued a parking ticket from the Troy Police Department, resulting in a \$10 fee. As a reminder, vehicles parked on the curb or pulled up on the sidewalk are subject to a parking ticket. All fees not paid within 48 hours will increase to \$25. Fees must be paid at the City of Troy Police Department located at 124 East Main Street.

Spring Neighborhood Clean-up Week

The City of Troy will hold its annual "Spring Neighborhood Clean-up Week" from April 20 through April 24, 2009. During this week, residents will be permitted to exceed the standard five-bag limit for household refuse. In addition, residents are encouraged to engage in and promote spring clean-up in their neighborhoods. The items that are collected should be of the type normally classified as household refuse and should be placed in standard containers for collection (bags and trash cans, but not boxes). Recyclable items should be placed in the red bins for collection. If citizens have questions or need to obtain a recycling bin, please call the Central Maintenance & Service Facility at (937) 335-1914.

THE CITY THANKS GREG DIXON

W. McGregor (Greg) Dixon, Jr. became the City of Troy Director of Law on January 1, 1980. After seven (7) four-year terms, he was elected Miami County Probate/Juvenile Court Judge, resigning his City position as of February 8, 2009. Over 29 years of public service, and during an unprecedented time of growth and activity of the City, Mr. Dixon tirelessly and unselfishly devoted countless hours. He issued many legal opinions, drafted thousands of pieces of legislation, participated in over 700 Council meetings and more than a thousand committee meetings, contributed in labor negotiations, prepared and reviewed hundreds of contracts and agreements, and represented and advised the City on a number of court matters. These numbers do not adequately reflect the devotion and commitment to the City of Troy by this truly dedicated public servant. Please join us in thanking Judge Dixon for a job very well done and in wishing him the very best in his new position.

We Are Business First



Is your company growing, facing challenges or opportunities? A one-on-one visit with a **BusinessFirst!** Outreach Specialist could help you get linked to the resources you need.

Troy **BusinessFirst!**, in partnership with Montgomery County, was created to assist local businesses stay local by giving them a single point of contact for a wide range of assistance that is available from local, county, regional, state and federal organizations (e.g. workforce, financing, strategic planning, etc.).

The **BusinessFirst!** program uses a customer-oriented approach to economic development designed to link business to resources in the community. The **BusinessFirst!** team is a coordinated group of approximately 100 government agencies, development organizations and non-profit corporations that support the growth and retention of businesses in the Greater Dayton Region.

To learn more, or to set up a **BusinessFirst!** visit, call Gregg Harris, Troy Assistant Development Director at 339-9601.

Small Business Development Loan Program

The City of Troy recently issued a loan to MyTeam1, LLC for \$50,000 from the Small Business Development (SBD) loan program. MyTeam1, also known as "OneCall Now" is recognized by INC magazine as the nation's fastest growing notification firm. According to officials, the company delivers messages to 35,000 customers consisting of schools, governments, churches, youth sport teams, organizations and businesses.

As the newest of three loan programs, the SBD loan program is designed to assist growing small businesses. Companies that are expanding are often in need of new capital for equipment, payroll, inventory or even building improvements. The SBD loan program offers low interest loans with dollar amounts from \$2,000 and up to \$50,000. SBD program guidelines and applications may be obtained at 100 S. Market Street or on the City of Troy's website www.troyohio.gov. Please contact the Development Department at 339-9601 for more information.

TROY CITY PROGRAMMING - CHANNEL 5

Watch for the Mayor's Report and the delayed broadcast of City Council Committee meetings and City Council meetings on Troy Public Broadcasting, Channel 5.



Program	Days and Times
Mayor's Report	Monday - 6:30 p.m.
	Tuesday - 10:30 a.m.
	Thursday - 9:00 p.m.
	Friday - 11:00 a.m.
	Sunday - 7:30 p.m.
City Council Meetings	Tuesday - 11:30 a.m.
	Tuesday - 7:00 p.m.
	Sunday - noon

Reminder to Bicyclists



As the temperature increases so does bicycle traffic. The Ohio Bicycle Federation offers these rules to help keep bicyclists safe:

Rules of the Road: Bicycle drivers must follow the same traffic laws as other drivers for safe, fast and efficient travel. For example, the law says to ride on the right. Some people think it is safer to ride like a pedestrian to "see traffic coming". Riding on the left is both illegal and dangerous, resulting over three times the crash risk.

Position on the Road: Bicycle traffic law tells us to ride as near to the right side of the roadway, it does not say as near as possible, because "hugging the curb" is often unsafe. Be courteous and let cars pass when you can, but always maintain a safety zone to the right.

Making Turns: The traffic rule for making a turn is exactly the same for bicycles as for other vehicles — merge to the appropriate position (right for right turns, left for left turns). Getting into position for a left turn may involve merging across lanes of traffic. Otherwise, there may not be a gap when you need one. Beginners who have not yet developed the skill to merge and yield may make pedestrian-style turns instead.

Being Seen: An unseen cyclist is in great danger. About 30 percent of cycling casualties occur at night although only about four percent of cycling is done then. The reflectors that come with new bikes are inadequate for nighttime visibility. Always use both a headlight and taillight if you ride at dusk or dark.

About Sidewalks: Traffic law sometimes allows bicycle riding on sidewalks, but don't do it. Accident studies show that even slow sidewalk riding has about double the accident rate as riding on the road. If you ride on the sidewalk, every intersection and even every driveway is a potential collision site. Motorists crossing your path may not look for conflicting traffic on the sidewalk, especially if you are coming from the "wrong way".

Remember, if you are riding in downtown Troy, please remember not to ride your bicycles on the sidewalk. This is for the safety of the pedestrians and the bicyclists.



Troy Attains Tree City USA Designation

For the 23rd consecutive year, Troy has attained the Tree City USA designation by achieving the standards established for the recognition. This program is sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and the USDA Forest Service. The City would like to express thanks to the staff of the Park Department and to the City Beautification Committee for their involvement in meeting the standards.

CITY CLIPS

CITY OF TROY EMPLOYEE NEWS

The City thanks the following retiring employees for their service to the City: **Dick Sponsler**, Water Plant Operator, started working for the City in December, 1978. — **Raymond Honeyman**, Assistant Facilities Supervisor at Hobart Arena, started working for the City in March, 2002. We wish Dick and Ray well in their retirements.

The City congratulates **Tim Davis**, who has been promoted to the position of Planning and Zoning Manager. Mr. Davis has been with the City since January, 2004 in the position of Planner.

UTILITY BILLS TO HAVE NEW LOOK

In late spring, your City of Troy utility bill will have a new look! Your new utility bill will arrive as a full letter-sized page, and will be mailed to you in an envelope. For your convenience, we will include an envelope (postage required) for you to mail back the stub portion of the bill with your payment.

A special added feature to this new bill format will be a "Troy Community Message Board." This area will provide you with up-to-date information regarding important City events, programs, projects, and other items of interest. In the future, this newsletter will be included to save postage costs. So, watch your mailbox for an early spring arrival of your new-look utility bill!

CITY OF TROY VISION STATEMENT, MISSION STATEMENT, AND VALUES STATEMENT

Vision: The City of Troy will expand its reputation as a family-oriented, vibrant, financially, sustainable community focused on a diversity of economic development, educational opportunities, and high quality of life for its citizens, businesses, and visitors.

Mission: Through sound and prudent leadership, the City of Troy is committed to sustaining its continued prominence as a regional hub by providing a well-balanced community for its residents, businesses and visitors, consisting of a vibrant downtown, growing economic base, strong educational environment, and plentiful recreational opportunities strengthened by public/private cooperation and grounded in financial stability.

Values: The City of Troy values (in no particular order): Ethical Behavior; Respect; Honesty; Integrity; Accountability; Partnerships; Fiscal Prudence; High Quality Service Delivery; and Transparency.

DIRECTORY OF CITY OFFICIALS

Mayor Michael L. Beamish
President of Council Martha A. Baker
Council Members:

..... 1st Ward, Thomas M. Kendall
..... 2nd Ward, Thomas H. Kirkham
..... 3rd Ward, John W. Schweser
..... 4th Ward, Jarrod W. Harrah
..... At-Large, Alan R. Clark
..... At-Large, Mark A. Douglas
..... At-Large, Frank L. Hutchinson
Director of Law Grant Kerber (Acting as of February 9, 2009)
Auditor Richard L. Cultice
Treasurer Edward L. Cox
Director of Public Service & Safety
..... Patrick E. J. Titterington
Assistant Director of Public Service & Safety
..... Thomas C. Funderburg
Clerk of Council and Administrative Assistant
..... Sue G. Knight
Cemetery Superintendent Lewis J. Deeter
City Engineer Deborah J. Swan
Development Director James A. Dando, Jr.
Director of Golf Kenneth D. Green
Fire Chief Christopher L. Boehringer
Fiscal Supervisor Michelle M. Jordan
Manager of I.T. Richard Oak
Park Superintendent Timothy J. Mercer
Police Chief Charles C. Phelps
Recreation Director Kenneth E. Siler

Information on how to contact City elected and appointed officials is available on the City of Troy website:

www.troyohio.gov

CITY REORGANIZATION

City Council approved a reorganization to merge the Planning function into the Engineering Department, which will be under the direction of City Engineer, Deborah Swan. The Engineering Department now contains two divisions: (Engineering/Planning and Zoning). This office can be accessed via a separate door located south of the main City Hall entrance on South Market St.



The City of Troy
City Hall
100 S. Market St.
Troy, Ohio 45373

CITY WEBSITE UPDATE

As of March 1, there is a new look to the City of Troy website (www.troyohio.gov). We hope the changes will make the website more user-friendly. One of the changes to the website includes a streaming video to view recordings of Council meetings. This feature is located on the bottom right side of our home page.

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